

LESSON
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PRACTICE WORKSHEET B

Style

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Directions: Read the *two* passages below, analyzing their styles. Then use the passages to answer the questions that follow.

a.

When Dorothy recovered her senses they were still falling, but not so fast. The top of the buggy caught the air like a parachute or an umbrella filled with wind, and held them back so that they floated downward with a gentle motion that was not so very disagreeable to bear. The worst thing was their terror of reaching the bottom of this great crack in the earth, and the natural fear that sudden death was about to overtake them at any moment. Crash after crash far above their heads echoed as the earth came together where it had split, and stones and chunks of clay rattled around them on every side.

—from *The Glass City* by Frank L. Baum

b.

Researchers in Oregon have found the remains of what appears to be the oldest house ever discovered in the United States, a 9,500-year-old lakeside dwelling that is providing new insights into the lives of some of the continent's earliest inhabitants. The structural remains were unearthed in central Oregon by construction workers enlarging a road into the Newberry National Volcanic Monuments. . . .

—from *A 9,500-Year-Old Summer Home*, by Thomas H. Maugh II

1. Which passage uses more imagery to give a vivid impression of the subject?

2. List at least *three* images from that passage. _____

3. Which passage includes an example of figurative language? _____

4. Write the example of figurative language you found in question 3.

5. How would you describe the tone of the two passages?

6. On the back of this sheet, tell which writer's style you enjoy more and why.